



# C O N G R E S S

## O F T H E U N I T E D S T A T E S .

*In Senate, April the 22d. 1800.*

The bill entitled “ An Act to amend the Act, entitled,” An Act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States, in the territory north-west of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river,” was read the third time, whereupon,

RESOLVED, that this bill pass with the following amendments.

### S E C T . I .

Line 2d. After the word “ That,” strike out to the end of the third section, and insert, “ For the disposal of the lands of the United States, directed to be sold by the act entitled “ An Act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States, in the territory north-west of the Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river,” there shall be three Land Offices established in the said territory : one at Cincinnati, for lands below the Little Miami which have not heretofore been granted ; one at Chillicothe, for lands east of the Sciota, south of the lands appropriated for satisfying military bounties to the late army of the United States, and west of the river Muskingum, including all the townships intersected by that river ; and one at Steubenville, for lands lying east of the river Muskingum, excluding those townships between the military lands and the purchase of the Ohio Company, which are intersected by that river. Each of the said offices shall be, under the

direction of an officer, to be called "The Register of the Land office," who shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall give bond to the United States, with approved security, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and shall reside at the place where the Land office is directed to be kept.

"SECT. 2.

*And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Surveyor General, and he is hereby expressly enjoined, to prepare and transmit to the Registers of the several Land-offices, before the days herein appointed for commencing sales, general plats of the lands hereby directed to be sold at the said offices respectively, and also to forward copies of each of the said plats to the Secretary of the Treasury.

"SECT. 3.

*And be it further enacted,* That the Surveyor General shall cause the townships west of the Muskingum, which, by the above mentioned act, are directed to be sold in quarter townships, to be subdivided into half sections of three hundred and twenty acres each, as nearly as may be, by running parrallel lines through the same, from east to west, and from south to north, at the distance of one mile from each other, and marking corners at the distance of each half mile on the lines running from east to west, and at the distance of each mile on those running from south to north, and making the marks, notes and descriptions, prescribed to surveyors by the above mentioned act: and the interior lines of townships intersected by the Muskingum, and of all the townships lying east of that river which have not been heretofore actually subdivided into sections, shall also be run and marked in the manner prescribed by the said act for running and marking the interior lines of townships, directed to be sold in sections of six hundred

and forty acres each : and in all cases where the exterior lines of the townships thus to be subdivided into sections or half sections, shall exceed, or shall not extend six miles, the excess or deficiency shall be specially noted and added to, or deducted from the western and northern ranges of sections or half sections in such township, according as the error may be in running the lines from east to west, or from south to north ; the sections and half sections bounded on the northern and western lines of such townships, shall be sold as containing only the quantity expressed in the returns and plats respectively, and all others as containing the complete legal quantity : and the President of the United States shall fix the compensation of the deputy surveyors, chain-carriers and axe-men ; *Provided* the whole expense of surveying and marking the lines, shall not exceed

dollars for every mile that shall be actually run, surveyed and marked.

#### SECT. 4.

*“ And be it further enacted,* That the lands thus subdivided (excluding the sections reserved by the above mentioned act) shall be offered for sale in sections and half sections, subdivided as before directed at the following places and times, that is to say, those below the Little Miami, shall be offered at public vendue in the town of Cincinnati, on the first Monday of April one thousand eight hundred and one, under the direction of the Register of the Land-office there established ; and of either the Governor or Secretary of the North-western territory ; The lands east of Sciota, south of the military lands, and west of the Muskingum, including all the townships intersected by that river, shall be offered in like manner for sale, at Chillicothe, on the first Monday of May one thousand eight hundred and one, under the direction of the Register of the Land-office there established, and of either the Governor or Secretary of the said territory. The sales shall remain open at each

place for three weeks and no longer, the superintendants shall observe the rules and regulations of the above mentioned act ; in classing and selling fractional with entire sections, and in keeping and transmitting accounts of the sales ; all lands remaining unsold at the closing of either of the public sales, may be disposed of at private sale by the Registers of these respective Land offices, in the manner hereinafter prescribed : and the Register of the Land-office, at Steubenville, after the first day of July next, may proceed to sell at private sale, the lands east of the Muskingum, excluding those townships between the military lands and the purchase of the Ohio Company, which are intersected by that river ; disposing of the same in sections, and classing fractional with entire sections, according to the provisions and regulations of the above mentioned act and of this act."

#### SECT. 4.

- Lines 1 and 2. Strike out from the word "that," to the word "in," in the 2d. line, and insert "no lands shall be sold by virtue of this act, at either public or private sale, for less than two dollars per acre, and payment may be made for the same by all purchasers, either in specie or."
- Line 5. After the word "pay," insert "six dollars for every section and."
- 7. Strike out "thirty," and insert "forty."
- - Strike out from the word "days" to the word "one."
- 9. Strike out from the word "within" to the word "after" in the 10th line, and insert "forty days."
- 12 to 14. Strike out the three lines and insert, "III. Interest at the rate of six per cent. a year from the day of sale, shall be charged upon each of the three last pay-

ments, payable as they respectively become due."

Lines 17. 18. Strike out from "within" to the end of the 18th line and insert "forty days after the sale."

— 26. 27. After the word "be," strike out to the end of the section and insert "advertised for sale by the Register of the Land-Office, within whose district it may lie, in at least five of the most public places in the said district, for at least thirty days before the time of sale: And he shall sell the same at public vendue, during the sitting of the court of quarter sessions of the county in which the land-office is kept, for a price not less than the whole arrears due thereon with the expenses of sale; the surplus, if any, shall be returned to the original purchaser or to his legal representative, but if the sum due, with interest, be not bidden and paid, then the land shall revert to the United States. All monies paid therefor shall be forfeited, and the Register of the Land-office, may proceed to dispose of the same to any purchaser, as in case of other lands at private sale."

#### SECTION 5.

- 2. After the word "appointed," insert "by the President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate."
- 3. Strike out the words "sold by virtue of this act."
- 10. Strike out the words "superintendants or."

#### SECTION 6.

- 4. Strike out "half section or half sections," and insert "section or half section."
- 9. After the word "the," insert "section or."

Line 15. Strike out "three months," and insert  
"forty days."

— 21. Same amendment.

— 31. After the word "each," insert "section or."

#### SECTION 9.

— 9. 10. Strike out "half section," and insert  
"tract."

— 11. Same amendment.

— 14. Same amendment.

— 19. Same amendment.

#### SECTION 11.

— 6. After the word "same," insert "for a section three dollars, for a half section."

— 10. After the word "any," insert "section or."

— 13. Strike out "fifty," and insert, "twenty-five."

#### SECTION 13.

— 2. After the word "dollars," insert "and for every section five dollars."

#### SECTION 14.

— 2. After the word "in," insert "sections or."

Between the 14 and 15 sections, add a new section as follows :

"SECTION 15. *And be it further enacted,* That each person who before the passing of this act shall have erected or begun to erect a Grist Mill or Saw Mill upon any of the lands herein directed to be sold shall be entitled to the pre-emption of the section including such mill at the rate of two dollars per acre. Provided, the person or his heirs claiming such right of pre-emption shall produce to the Register of the Land Office satisfactory evidence that he or they are intitled thereto, and shall be subject to and comply with the regulations and provisions by this act prescribed for other purchasers."

Conform the sections to the amendments.

Attest,

SAMUEL A. OTIS, Secretary.